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EDITORIAL

On First, Fourth & Fifth Pages

NOTES AND COMMENTS

THAT is good news from West Point. We greatly rejoice with Pastor Haywood and his people, and wish them even greater prosperity.

THE May issue of the Sunday School literature of the A. B. P. Society is out, and, as usual, quite up to or beyond the standard of former excellence. It would seem that nothing was wanting in this series to make it all that any school could require. It seems to meet every need of the best Sunday Schools of the age, and is constantly growing better.

If Mr. McKinley and his party don't hurry up and bring on a little of that prosperity they and the "sound money" people promised on the defeat of the free silverites, the country will quite slip out of their grip, if the landslide in New Jersey and Kansas are to be considered signs of the times. Our people are great for change, and if they can't get it in money then they will have it in politics.

OUR Convention Sunday School Board is not to be outdone in providing a Sunday School literature for our young people. The papers issued for May are like the previous ones, a healthy advance on all that has preceded. We wonder how perfection can be improved, but Dr. Frost and his helpers have demonstrated it in these papers. What more or better can our people want than they are now getting?

WE regret to learn from the Leader, of Brookhaven, of the death of Judge W. P. Baggett, of that city. He had reached the ripe age of seventy-eight years, and like a ripe shock of corn was ready for the harvest. He had long been a pillar in the Baptist church, and a leading and useful citizen of his city and county. We have more than once enjoyed the reminiscences of his well ordered home, and hold his memory in high esteem. May great grace be given the bereaved family.

WHO MADE THEM TO DIFFER?

When it ceases to be new, then it will become humiliating to know that the men of this world who rate themselves the wisest, can prove nothing to be true because of the radical differences of reckoning, and conclusions among themselves. "The common people" are coming to regard the quality of their wisdom very much as they do the character of their theories and conclusions—that is to say, quite hypothetical or nebulous. If they could fix anything to stay by their learned or scientific methods, or even if they could agree as to what they discover or invent, there would be some show of reason for expecting common-sense, thinking people to accept, or even tolerate, their deliverances. Take, for instance, their statements concerning the age of the Niagara river at the great Falls. To the number of not less than five or more of these wiseacre philosophers who have pretended to investigate the geological age and formation of that great natural phenomenon, there are born a corresponding number of scientific kids of the most singularly varying ages. Mr. Ellicott says the thing happened just 55,400 years ago. Mr. Blackwell dissents and says no; it was only 12,000 years since the great wonder was born. Then Mr. Lyle comes in and says that both are wrong, and that he has it down to a fine point, and that 35,000 years exactly expresses it. Then the modest Mr. Herbert Spencer, who don't know anything for certain except this one, puffs them all away and declares that without doubt 32,000 years makes the utmost limit of the duration of the great Falls. Then after all this sage research and wise announcement, another son of the gods bobs up—withstanding his name, however—and declares most unequivocally that he has found the key to the solution, and that it is only about 9,000 years since the great Falls began to roar.

Well, we do not know wherein any of these modern "wise men" find any "comfort of hope," but the only consolation for some of us is in the supposition that their "much learning has" not "made them entirely mad"—that they have not quite gone stark crazy, and will not yet fall upon the State for their maintenance. They are of a piece with those who have gone before, from whom they have been descended. But then among the elder sages we remember the report of a happening not totally unlike the Niagara fad, and somewhat after this fashion. A man was digging a well, and way down in the earth more than 100 feet from the surface, he found one morning in the loose dirt that he had dug up the evening before, a curious looking object which a certain learned neighbor called a "fossil," a petrified bone. The whole community was alog. A learned scientist, was sent for, and after a careful examination of the "fossil," gravely pronounced it to be the section of a bone in the leg of a curiously shaped animal long since

passed away, which he said was about the size of a full-grown goat, but in appearance very much like as if it was a triple cross between a goat, a hog, and a monkey, sketching a horrible picture on the blackboard. Of course the opinion was registered as a great scientific fact. Bye-and-bye another "wise man" came from afar to see the wonder, and after a like examination, pronounced his predecessor a gump and registered his opinion that the "fossil" was the bone of an animal more like a mule, yet a little like a cow, and considerably like a camel, and left a drawing of the same. Of course his opinion was accepted, being the "latest." But to make a long story short, soon after another Solomon, hearing of the wonderful "fossil," came, considered, calculated, concluded, and sketched his opinion in a ferocious animal about the size of an elephant, and in appearance very much like a cross between an eagle and an old tom cat. Now, when the wonder of the people was at its highest point, an old farmer came to view the strange picture, and after feasting his eyes sufficiently upon the wonderful apparition on the blackboard, he asked to see the "fossil." But when he saw it, he exclaimed "Well, now! Why," said he, "I wish I may be scooped if that isn't the handle that Jakie broke off of my wife's jug." It turned out, to Jakie had thrown it into the well on the day it was broken off, and when the jug was brought and adjustments made, it was found to be true—an old jug handle, that was all.

Thus it is that very many scientific discoveries and inventions end in smoke, and yet the question remains, "Who made them to differ?" if it was not the old deceiver and the adversary?

Commencement week, Iuka, (Miss.) Normal Institute, June 1 to 5. Sermon, Rev. H. C. Morrison, Missionary Secretary of M. E. C. S.; address to graduating class, Hon. J. C. Longstreet, Grenada, Miss.

A WORD from Bro. T. J. Miller's field tells us that, as usual, he and his people are moving on to larger usefulness. If all our churches would come up like his do, even in these drastic times, our Boards would go to the Convention out of debt, and have a surplus in their treasuries. They will see that he goes to the great meeting at Wilmington, just as many other of our churches ought to do, and they, as well as he, will reap an ample reward. Recently Bro. Miley as the preacher, and Prof. Pickering as director of the music, attended a dedication service at Concord, where Bro. W. P. Chapman is pastor. There was a great crowd of attentive people, and we can vouch for it that there was an excellent sermon and splendid music. After all the real Christian enjoyment and great that was afforded, the chief mate-

STATE MISSIONS NOW.

Our Bro. Rowe has worked on, tirelessly and most vigorously for Home and Foreign Missions through the great crisis in the work of those Boards just passed, and patiently waited for the time of State Missions to come. He certainly reports a noble work done, and well deserves the thanks of all of God's people, and with whom we all do unite in thanksgiving and praise to God for what He has wrought through us for His cause and the glory of His name. But now we should all, as one man, turn our thoughts to our own State work, and with our faithful Secretary, give ourselves unrewarded to lifting it out of its present thrall and setting it on high amongst the things that rank as first-class successes. In a word, our State Board and Convention Secretary should, from now until the State Convention late in July, have the right-of-way in all of our hearts and churches, together with the best thought, talks, prayers and gifts that we can, by any possibility, command. Our missionaries have never done better work than during the current year, and God has graciously allowed His people to have a reasonable degree of prosperity even in the midst of what is called the hardest times. If you would see the proof of this, go and sit down at the average Baptists.

the abundance of the necessities, but the presence of some of the luxuries and dainties of life spread before you; then have an eye to not only the substantial, but ornate and fashionable apparel of those who sit there with you, and even those who serve.

Then strike a balance of all this with the fare and apparel of the poor and hard-worked laborers in many fields and shops and homes, and tell us if there is not prosperity enough to justify a clever division with the Lord? Have we not got it in our power to come up at once to the help of our secretary and the suffering missionaries? And shall we whose names are written in the Lamb's Book of Life, and who owe all we have and are to the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, "who, though he was rich, yet for our sakes became poor, that we, through His poverty, might become rich," fail to make manifest our love and gratitude to Him? Brethren, who of us are on the Lord's side, any way? Who of us have been washed in the blood of the Lamb? Who of us recognize our obligations to the Master to come up to the help of the Lord against the mighty? Here is our opportunity. The field is white unto the harvest. The Master says, "Go and preach the gospel." The laborers are few and poorly sustained, and we have the where-withal to help. Will not every one of God's people lay too, a helping hand? Will not every one give to State Missions as God has prospered, in the next three months?

be abundant help, fully sustained missionaries, a happy secretary, a joyful people, and a greatly something good going on.

Mississippi Delegates to Southern Baptist Convention.

CLASS 1—MONEY BASIS.

J. R. Farish, Meridian. J. A. Hackett, Meridian. R. A. Venable, Meridian. H. W. Rockett, Harrison. W. B. Williams, Columbus. E. P. Jones, Columbus. D. Burney, Ackerman. W. M. Farmer, Summit. R. A. Cohron, Cleveland. T. J. Bailey, Winona. A. F. Davis, Dinan. A. V. Rowe, Winona. W. M. Burr, Greenville. H. F. Sproles, Jackson. W. F. Yarborough, Crystal Springs. R. G. Hewlett, Burgess. F. L. Riley, Clinton. J. N. McMillin, Aberdeen. J. K. Pace, Hazlehurst. J. S. Cable, Vernon. J. W. Sturdivant, Senatobia. L. M. Blauchard, Senatobia. Oscar Haywood, West Point. J. B. Searcy, Corinth. J. L. Johnston, Duck Hill. T. J. Miley, Mayton. H. M. Long, Shuqualak. A. A. Lomax, Batesville. G. B. Butler, Lexington. T. C. Schilling, Gillsburg. S. G. Cooper, Tupelo. H. A. Duboise, Byhalia. C. E. Emerson, Cub Lake. A. L. Emerson, Eudora.

CLASS 2—ASSOCIATIONAL BASIS.

W. L. A. Stranburg, Zion, Eupora.

A. C. Mason, Yalobusha, Jefferson.

W. R. Johnson, Bogue Chitto, Johnston.

E. M. Schilling, Bogue Chitto, alternate, Mogul.

J. C. Farrar, Copiah, Gallman.

J. K. Pace, Copiah, alternate, Hazlehurst.

L. M. Stone, Chickasaw, Shuqualak.

S. B. Dobbs, Chester, Chester.

W. H. H. Fancher, Chester, alternate, French Camp.

N. W. P. Bacon, Cold Water, Hernando.

L. R. Burress, Tishomingo, Geeville.

H. W. Lantrip, Union, Lee.

S. Morris, Strong River, Harrisville.

W. P. Chapman, Rankin Co., Virgil.

Dr. J. E. Noble, Rankin Co., alternate, Fannin.

W. E. Ellis, Yazoo, Greenwood.

G. B. Butler, Yazoo, alternate, Lexington.

Jno. Thompson, Chickasaw, New Albany.

E. A. Bates, Mississippi, Bates Mill.

I have asked brethren for their names and these are what I have received.

Truly,
A. V. ROWE.

No! for the \$100,000 Endowment.

BRO. HACKETT:—I have been a friend and contributor to Mississippi College for a quarter of a century, and feel glad to see an agitation of an additional endowment of at least \$100,000. I second Judge W. H. Fancher's motion. Put me down for \$25.

Yours,
Z. WARDLAW.

Thoughts on the Transfiguration of Christ.

E. L. WENSON.

I wish you would notice, by way of preface, that the transfiguration occurred about six or eight days after Christ's first sermon, in the building his church, and his announcement that he must go to Jerusalem, suffer many things of the chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and be raised again the third day. And about the same time after that wonderful statement: "I tell you the truth, there be some standing here who shall not taste of death till they see the kingdom of God." Wilson, in his "Emphatic Diaglott," renders the last part of the verse this way: "Who will not taste death till they see God's Royal Majesty." If his rendering is correct, Peter, James and John witnessed the glory to which Christ referred within eight days after he made the statement; and it does seem that he had ground for his rendering; for Peter wrote, according to the authorized version, "We were eye witnesses of his majesty." But be that as it may, it is a fact that they witnessed, within eight days after, the Son of God come in touch with the glory of heaven, and surely that was enough. But to come to the text: "He took Peter and John and James, and went up into a mountain to pray." There are two special things to notice in this:

1. He went up into a mountain to pray. Several times it is said, "He went up into a mountain to pray." Sometimes he went alone, sometimes carried company, but he went up into the mountain. Why? Why go up into the mountain? There is a good point for thought. The Israelites were forbidden to have "High Place" of worship, because they seemed somehow connected with idolatry; but, notwithstanding,

God's manifestations to his servants have been on mountains. Perhaps the very highness of the mountains suggested nearness to God. Or, it may be, that getting above the dwellings of men for solitude, enabled one for the time to forget the world and commune more freely with God. It is a fact, at least with some, that getting above the surrounding world makes one long to become more Godlike—but did Christ need such help? Perhaps he did not want to be disturbed while at prayer, therefore sought a spot seldom visited by man. The very thought of someone's coming while one is praying keeps one from giving self wholly up to God. Oh if there is any one thing a burdened spirit craves,

It is "A calm, a sure retreat." Where undisturbed by human feet, one can approach the mercy seat. Whether this was Christ's reason or not, it is certain "He went up into the mountain to pray," and we would find, if we followed his example of retiring from the world to pray, that we would become more spiritually minded and have sweeter communion with God.

2. Out of the twelve he chose only three to go with him. Didn't the others need to pray as much as they? Didn't they need a sight of his glory as much as they? Then why did the three and leave the rest? There is the question. We know he loved them all, and loved them to the end, but three times

three special companions, and gave them advantages the others did not have. Why did he do it? I can only answer, He only knows why. But it is according to God's way of dealing with his people from the beginning. All

are granted general blessings, but all along the line, from Abel down, some have been granted special blessings. Oh, why is it? It cannot be because God is partial in his dealings, or because Jesus was partial, but it is and ever has been a fact.

The National Missionary Assembly, held in Mexico City, Jan. 27-31, was well attended and did great good. Carefully prepared papers were presented on a variety of subjects of general interest. The speeches which followed were, in the main, harmonious and betrayed no special companion of our Savior! Some of us have only received the general blessings. Some of us, yes, most of us, have been left down on the plain, with the Judases, while a few have been taken into closer fellowship and companionship with the Savior. Their lives have been crowned with special spiritual power and blessing, while there is no distinguishing mark of special divine favor on our life. Oh, why is it so? It must be that there is not the spiritual companionship between us and our Lord that they enjoy. I don't wonder that my Savior leaves me down with Judas, while he takes some of my brethren into close companionship with himself, for oh! I am so sinful in heart. But oh! how I wish that I could be a fit companion for my Lord, so that he would love to take me into his closest communion and give me some manifestations of his special grace. I don't covet the favors shown

to the special companions, but I miss as no one can tell the associations of beloved brethren in the old State. God bless them all. Why, Virginia is going via

glia Kentucky to Kentuckians, all this, and more if possible, Mississippi is to me. And a goodly number of the best are here; among them Judge Arnold, once on your supreme bench, a deacon of my church; Captain F. S. White, one of my Sunday School teachers, and an old West Pointer, one of the ablest lawyers of Alabama, Percy Ratliff and wife, who if they were not known for their own worth, would be held in everlasting remembrance by all Mississippi Baptists for the sake of their parents, Captain and Mrs. Ratliff (*nomen clarum et venerabile*) and the sainted Mrs. Beasley.

But in addition to these and other worthy Mississippians in this section, I have met some of the trustiest and grandest of God's elect, who are native Alabamians and are proud to adopt the motto of the State: "Here we rest."

This letter is already too long, but I must make bare mention of some in the old State, whose departure for the skies has made my breast heavy with sadness that I shall see them no more on earth: the truly great and godly, Col. Lewis Ball, the pious and queenly Sister V. H. Nelson, gifted and genial "Sam" Miller, whom I baptized and loved as a brother indeed, and still others whose names are written in the Book of Life, though not recorded here. To one and all, who mourn their death, let me extend a word of sincere sympathy.

THE RECORD improves steadily, you are going forward, and may you go on towards perfection.

From Mexico.
A great sorrow came to our home, Feb. 26th, in the death of Mrs. Chastain's mother, Mrs. Wright, who came from her Virginia home eighteen months ago

country, and also in other parts, and the suffering among the poor is alarming. If the recent showers are to be taken as an earnest of what is to follow, this will be a good crop year. May the Lord grant it!

Many of the home pastors, churches and individual members are working for missions with a zeal never before manifested, and if all will do their duty the Boards will go up to the May Convention out of debt; and we shall all be happy. After we finish down here and pass on to our reward, how many of us will be met with the words, "Well done; good and faithful servant"? Let us think about that now, and govern ourselves accordingly.

Yours for Christ and for the salvation of Mexico,

J. G. CHASTAIN.
Dr. Arroyo, Mexico.

Alabama News.

DEAR BRO. HACKETT.—We have adjusted the great debt on Howard College. A year ago it was \$38,500 and by now accrued interest would bring it up to more than \$39,000. We have just rebonded for \$20,000 at five per cent interest, which will save us more than \$2,000 a year on interest. You will remember that the property was advertised for sale a year ago and it seemed impossible to save it. The trustees requested Dr. P. T. Hale and myself to undertake to lead in the work of raising the debt and asked our churches to release us for the work. We succeeded to their request and the churches released us for such time as we thought necessary. Well, such a Herculean task has seldom been undertaken and the desperately hard times with national, gubernatorial and various municipal elections

were, however, and critical numbers of the congregations. It is a splendid victory for us! And now along with this comes the possibility of raising the entire debt on the Judson Institute by May the first! Drs. Eager and Dickinson with President Patrick are leading in this. Bro. J. C. Bush, of Mobile, mayor of Expositor and thirty-three to the LuLuz, our Sunday School and religious newspapers. Some persons have subscribed whom I did not dare approach on the subject one year ago.

Though hundreds of people have left here for the low lands hunting land, since the crop failure in this section last year, my congregations have held up gratifyingly, several persons having entered our chapel recently for the first time. We have fifty enrolled in Sunday School, and twenty regular attendants in our day school where the Bible is the text-book. Our Young People's Society meets weekly and is doing solid work. Our Friday night, house-to-house meeting was changed the first of this year from the homes of our members and intimate friends to the houses of persons who seldom or never enter the chapel. In this way some people are bearing the gospel for the first time, and already we are beginning to see the good results.

Two young men, members of our Young People's Society and of the church, landed down with us two weeks ago for the purpose of preaching tour through the small towns. There year in the pastorate of the First church here. The outlook

I have just closed my fourth year in the pastorate of the First church here. The outlook

CRUMBS FROM THE TABLE.

"Holiness is the sum of God's moral perfections." "Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, who was, and is, and is to come." He is holy in justice, in mercy, in righteousness, in faithfulness, in goodness, in love. Bye-and-bye He will gather His children home, and then they shall be holy as He is holy. Such is the Christian's hope, and it is an anchor of both sure and steadfast.

Whitsitt in the Convention.

Every once in a while, and especially twice in a while, some of our *invertebrate* papers rise to explain that it will be calamitous to introduce the "Whitsitt matter" in any form at the Convention. They even darkly hint that disruption might ensue. This is notably true of the *Evangel* and the *Religious Herald*. One would like to know who is going to lead off in the disruption if things do not go to suit them? Will the *Evangel* and the *Herald*, with those of their way of thinking, withdraw from the Convention if Dr. Whitsitt is not sustained? Certainly those of the John the Baptist type are not going to withdraw from the Convention, no matter what the result may be. I think the *Herald* and *Evangel* may as well be informed now as later, that absolutely the only way to keep the Whitsitt matter from before the Convention will be for Dr. Whitsitt to resign, and for the trustees to accept his resignation. This will render it impossible for the matter to come up. At any rate, there would then be no need for it. If these brethren are really apprehensive of the result upon the denomination, why do they not seek to remove the possibility by urging Dr. Whitsitt to resign? If these nervous brethren will only rid us of Dr. Whitsitt, I will undertake to guarantee that there will be no trouble at Wilmington. If Dr. Whitsitt is the devout man that he gets credit for being, he will resign to avoid the possibility of a conflict; and if the trustees are blessed with such a degree of common sense as should characterize men in so responsible a position, they will accept his resignation. Whether Dr. Whitsitt does or does not resign, it will have no appreciable effect upon the Convention; but if he does not, the days of the Seminary usefulness are over, and theological chairs will spring up in all our colleges.

N. W. P. BACON.
Hernando, Miss.

Fraternally.
Birmingham, Ala., April 17.

A WIFE EQUAL TO A GOLD MINE.

Will some of your readers give me a good receipt for making cold starch? I am selling self-heating flaxions and iron a little at every house and have to use some starch at every place and want to know how to make a good cold starch. My husband was in debt and I being anxious to help him, thought I would sell self-heating flaxions and I am doing splendidly. A cent's worth of fuel will heat the iron for 3 hours, so you have a perfectly even heat. You can iron in half the time and no danger of scorching the clothes, as with the old iron, and you can get the most beautiful gloss. I sell at nearly every house, as the iron saves so much fuel, everybody wants one. I make \$1.50 on each iron and have not sold less than ten a day I worked. My brother is doing well and I think anyone can make lots of money anywhere, selling irons. J. F. CASEY & CO., St. Louis, Mo., will start anyone in the business, as they did me, if you will address them.

4-154 Mrs. A. RUSSELL.

IUKA NORMAL INSTITUTE, IUKA, MISSISSIPPI.
Scholastic year begins Sep. 1, 1896—10 months. Money is high. Everything else is low. The Normal has reduced prices to suit, and the faculty has been strengthened to keep pace with the splendid reputation of the school. Write H. A. Depp, in

layers of clay, and allowed to dry a few days, and then another like layer put on until the wall is finished. As these people know nothing of straight lines or flat surfaces, it is impossible to get things straight. The walls are about ten inches thick at the bottom, but thinner at the top. The roof is made of bamboo poles, sticks and grass. As the roof must be made steep to shed rain, it is fully twenty feet to the peak. These bamboo poles, which are hollow and about as large as a man's arm, are very light and strong. We have to fasten a crooked piece of wood into the bottom to fasten them onto the bamboo pole on top of the wall, and at the peak we pin them together with wooden pins. All is then strongly tied together with vegetable string, which is much like hemp. Then cross pieces of bamboo are tied (I also nailed them with wire nails) to these rafters. Then native poles are tied up and down across these. Then we get a very large kind of grass, as large as corn stalks, and tie several together across these last poles, about six inches apart. The grass, several feet long, is woven or tied together in weaves or strings about five feet long. These are tied on top of all, as we lay shingles on at home. This makes a cool roof and a good shelter from rain, but woe be to us when the fire comes, and it does come every year. I suppose one-fourth of this city has been burned over this year. We used to have window shutters (no glass) to keep out sun and storm, but a fire burned these long ago. I am now trying to make some cheap ones out of native poles and mats. Rough lumber costs about \$50 a thousand, so we cannot afford to buy. The seats in the house are made in the same way as the walls of clay, and are benches without backs, or school desks which are using.

Our school numbers 35 on the roll, and the daily attendance is from 25 to 30. We have a native teacher who gets a present of fifteen dollars (English) a month, but will get a little more after awhile. Half the school are small children. There are a number of other ones who are anxious to learn English branch

of the language. I am teaching three hours a day, including a hour a day I give to a young man outside of school hours.

Mrs. Winn teaches two and one-half hours, and Bro. Winn has his classes. We do not make school work our principal business, but here we must do something about it. Another time I will tell you something about our street work, but I have written a letter about that to the *Arkansas Baptist* this time. That is my home paper you know. Pay for us. We greatly need the prayers and help of the people.

Your brother in Christ,
C. E. SMITH,
Orbomoo, West Africa, Feb. 9, 1897.

SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION.
The Forty-second Session, Fifty-second year, of the Southern Baptist Convention, will, at the invitation of the Baptist churches and citizens of Wilmington, N. C., be held in the meeting house of the First Baptist church of Wilmington, beginning May 6, 1897, at 10 a.m.

Teachers' Examination.
By our method of preparation many are enabled to obtain first grade teachers' license who could not do so before, and all are enabled to make high averages. The method endorsed by J. W. Provine, Ph. D., Chairman of the Faculty of Mississippi College; J. B. Gambrell, D. D., Ex-President Mercer University, Macon, Ga.; R. A. Venable, D. D., Ex-President Mississippi College; A. J. Aven, M. A., Professor of Latin, Mississippi College; Clinton, Miss., and by other distinguished educators. A postal card will bring you full particulars.

Prof. G. L. Pease,
Wilmington, N. C., 2-11-97.

DEAR RECORD:—When men manifest zeal for the right, as a rule there are those who rise to condemn. It was so with the great William Wallace. He tried to save his country from tyranny, but the powers he befriended smote him. Paul sought to get certain men to accept Jesus, but they took him, beat him, and left him for dead. Steven was stoned to death because faithful in telling men of Jesus, whom they had rejected and slain. Christ came with redeeming grace, but they to whom he brought it, spurned him and crucified him. Men of to-day are depraved as in the olden time, and now and then crops out such spirit as filled those who maltreated Christ, Paul, Steven and Wallace. However, stripes and imprisonments are rare, yet the "unruly member" is sometimes quite free in bestowing its love in the form of "grievous words," which "stir up anger" and show the user to be akin to the fool who "poureth out foolishness." Many of this tribe claim warm fellowship in the household of faith. But would a member of this household war against his own home?

The Southwestern Passenger Committee have authorized a similar rate from points in Texas. Tickets to be sold May 3 and 4; final limit twenty days from date of sale.

The trunk Line Association grants rate of one full fare and a third on certificate plan.

Central Passenger Association, Western Passenger Association, Old Dominion Line, the Balti, Chesapeake & Atlantic R. R., Western Md. R. R., N. Y. Phila. & Norfolk R. R., decline to make any reduction from regular rates.

These rates apply to meetings of Southern Baptist Convention, Southern Baptist Young People's Union, Woman's Missionary Union, and American Baptist Education Society.

Delegates and visitors from points in Trunk Line Territory are advised to purchase regular ticket to Baltimore, and there purchase round trip ticket for one fare. From points in territory where certificates have been refused, it would be best to purchase nearest point on some of the lines granting rate of one fare.

The Southern States Passenger Association authorize an extension of fifteen days beyond the original limit of the ticket provided, tickets are deposited with the agents of terminal lines at Wilmington, N. C., prior to May 15. Extensions will be made by exchanging the return portion of tickets originally issued for regular one-way closely limited tickets from Wilmington to starting point.

Other announcements may be made later. Any information regarding railroad matters will be cheerfully given by OLIVER F. GREGORY.

Secretary in charge of Transportation, Baltimore, March 25, 1897.

REDUCED RATES VIA SOUTHERN RAILWAY.

For the occasion of the meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention at Wilmington, N. C., May 6 to 14, 1897, the Southern Railway will sell tickets to Wilmington, N. C. and return, at rate of one first class limited fare for the round trip. Tickets will be on sale May 3 to 7 inclusive, good to return fifteen days from date of sale.

SPECIAL SCHOOL NOTICE.
Position as Principal of Graded or High School desired by active, energetic, up to date teacher; experienced, successful, progressive. Special qualifications: degrees of reference. Address, with full particulars, to Prof. G. L. Pease, 2-11-97.

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OUR FIELD GLASS.

asked the Lord before services for \$20, but He gave me \$26.00. You know the Lord always gives more than we ask for. This is the largest single contribution for missions this church has ever made. Pray for us. We all love THE RECORD. May the Lord bless its editors and continue to make them useful." We are glad to hear from him. It was quite refreshing and helpful to be in this meeting, of which Dr. E. A. Taylor is president, and hear the reports of Sunday's services from the different brethren. The general subject of pastoral visiting was generally discussed, being led by Pastor W. T. Hudson, of ex-Mississippi, as is also Dr. Taylor. The reports and discussions were informal, but quite helpful.—We have received a copy of a small publication from the Baptist Book Concern, Louisville, Ky., "BOTH SIDES," bearing a republication of the articles of Dr. J. B. Thomas in the Western Recorder on the "Question" raised by Dr. Whiteitt, together with four of the articles in the *Independent* acknowledged by Dr. Whiteitt, and a correspondence between Dr. Christian and Dr. Whiteitt relative to the *Independent* editorials. Price 15 cents. Baptist Book Concern, Louisville, Ky.—Rev. W. L. Hargis writes: "I am at Tulsa to-day (Sunday, 18th), and the day is bright and cheerful. Had a good congregation last night. This is Easter Sunday, but we shall just worship God simply and plainly, just as we would on any other Sunday." Certainly, beloved. Why not? God bless you.—Rev. G. P. Bostick, of China, was with us last Thursday evening, and gave a most interesting talk on mission work in China, which was very helpful and stimulating. Not a word was said concerning the differences between gospel missions and the missions of our Board, but the large congregation had their attention turned to the necessity of enlarged mission efforts. No contribution was asked for. Bro. Bostick had lately lectured in Starkville and West Point, and went from here to Alabama.—Here is an interesting letter from Dr. E. E. King, McKinney, Texas: "I tenderly sympathized with you in your long affliction, and then in the loss of your now sainted mother. We are all well, and are delighted with our new field of labor. We have about 7,000 people here, with excellent schools and a good church. We have a beautiful modern house of worship, with the seating capacity of more than a thousand, and we have a large and strong membership. We have great congregations, and if the Lord abides with us, we hope to do a good work here. I go to the Convention at the charges of our good people. They have done many kind things for us, besides presenting me a check for my salary the first day of every month. We have had some sickness here, becoming acclimated I suppose. I hope our dear good friends at Senatobia are well. Give them all our love." Bro. King will pardon us for quoting from a private letter, but so many in the old State are glad to hear from him and his family, that we have taken this liberty.—Bro. T. A. Beasley, Poplar Springs, writes: "Yesterday (third Sunday) was a great day with us. The Lord was with us in power. It was our day. Many men, mission collectors,

CHRONICLES.

L. A. D.

After thirty-seven years the Chronicler finds himself attending another meeting of the International Y. M. C. A. Convention. It now meets biennially, this year at Mobile. So Tuesday evening he boarded the M. & O. southbound train, and arrived

in the city a little before 10 o'clock. There were other guests along, and those of us who had not reported secured comfortable and quiet quarters at the new Southern Hotel. Special rates were given for the occasion, and the guests received marked attention.

Mississippi is not largely represented, and Meridian by only two members. The chief Associations in our State are connected with the colleges. A movement is on foot to establish several for railroad men at the main centers. It is remarkable how the work has been blessed along these lines. As an evangelizing agency no power in America seems to surpass it in its department of work, and its influence today extends throughout the world. Baptists make a mistake sometimes ignoring this agency.

The number of delegates and messengers in attendance is 508, representing nearly every State in the Union and its Provinces of Canada, and almost every Christian denomination. Many of the largest railroad corporations or the continental largely cooperate in the work appropriating \$145,000 thereof last year; and others are yet to enter even more extensively. It is confidently expected that Meridian will soon have an efficient Association.

Interesting and instructive reports and addresses have been made; most of which will be published. Some most glorious things are revealed and things that are calculated to arouse Christian energy. Fill the meetings with edification, and received regrettably by our beloved Senatobia people—no one, generous, the very salt of the earth they are. Five full years we have been with them, quietly and humbly, but earnestly, trying to do the Master's work. Loyalty, unswerving, they have stood by us, and it is almost heartbreaking to leave them. We shall never cease to love them, and these five years will ever be one of the greatest spots in memory. We have been with them in trouble, and they have been with us in sore trouble, and we can never forget their kindness and sympathy. There may be as good people, but there are no better people on the green earth than these Senatobia people. God bless them and cause His face to shine upon them. Our headquarters will be Jackson, and we will still serve the Courtland church, and have just written promising also to be with the Pelahatchie saints on Sunday the remainder of the year, beginning in May.

A PLEASANT meeting with Bro. J. J. White, of Jackson, was out of the matters of interest last week. His good wife is a daughter of our good brother, Dr. R. S. Sample, of Summit, and he is always a welcome caller. We learned that the meeting in the Baptist church in Jackson, where Dr. Simmons, of Jackson, Tenn., is aiding Dr. Spokes, has been one of decided interest. Ten or twelve persons have been received into the church up to his leaving. We trust the Lord will give him power. It was our day.

At the residence of the bride's father, Mr. Geo. Johnston, Dr. R. W. Thompson, of Columbia, was to hold with the Mars Hill Baptist church, commencing on Saturday evening the fifth Sunday.

For courtesies the Chronicler is indebted to Dr. Geo. Johnston, Dr. W. S. Little, Dr. W. H. Jones, and their kind friends.

from Mears Lowenstein Bro's, and appreciated association with Bro. R. O. Simpson, of Wilcox county, Ala. Of an excursion to New Orleans we will write later; referring, possibly, to the closing scenes of the Convention.

Program of B. Y. P. U. at Wilmington N. C., May 6, 1897.

MORNING SESSION

10:00—Devotional Exercises—Oscar Haywood, Mississippi.
10:30—Welcome Address—Geo E Leftwick, Wilmington, N.C.
J.W. Bailey, Raleigh, N.C.
Response—Member of Convention.

11:00—Address, Personal Consecration—John T Pullen, N.C.
11:30—Address, Subject to be announced—Carter Helm Jones, Kentucky.

12:00—Address, The Union as a School for Training Leaders—Chas S Gardner, S.C.

12:30—Announcement of Committees, and Miscellaneous Business.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

3:00—A Business and Worker Meeting. Election of officers.

Address—The Study Course and the Result of a Year's Work R. Van Deventer, Georgia.

Address—The Practical Workings of our Union—William H. Smith, Georgia.

Report of Executive Committee, Board of Managers, and State Managers.

Miscellaneous Business.

EVENING SESSION.

8:00—Devotional Exercises—Harry A Bagby, Virginia.

8:30—Address, The Church of To-morrow—John O. Rust, Tennessee.

9:00—A Captured and Fettered Generation—William L. Pickard, Kentucky.

9:20—Closing remarks by the General Secretary.

We will follow "Eastern Time" since the committee on hospitality has been compelled to limit their entertainment. We do not expect so many present from a distance, but we hope as many

will go. Entertainment

can be had for reasonable cost. The Executive Committee congratulates itself that the work has grown to such proportions that Wilmington could not have entertained the numbers who would have gone.

The Executive Committee takes pleasure in announcing before hand that they are prepared to go to Wilmington with all bills paid, and an encouraging outlook.

B. D. GRAY, Ch'm. Ex. Com. J. D. JORDAN, Gen. Sec. Birmingham, Ala.

Programs of Fifth Sunday Meetings.

District meeting Saturday before the fifth Sunday in May, at Elim church.

1. Regeneration—J. W. Ellis, B. E. Lucas.

2. What is the church and her ordinances—D. V. Riley, John M. Carmichael.

3. Sanctification—E. A. Davis, Wm. Beckman.

Preaching will be arranged after we meet. Dinner on the ground. Come one come all and let's have a good time.

B. E. LUCAS.

Program of the general Sunday School Convention of the Mississippi Baptist Association, to be held with the Mars Hill Baptist church, commencing on Saturday evening the fifth Sunday.

At the residence of the bride's father, Mr. Geo. Johnston, Dr. R. W. Thompson, of Columbia,

to Churches—M. H. Martin.

2. Why Should we Contribute to Mission Work?—A. S. Turner.
3. The World's Greatest Need—J. E. Lowe.

4. The Allegiance of the Laws of Our Land a Duty to God—T. C. Schilling.

5. Duty of Pastor to Church—I. G. Lea.

6. Who are the Heathen?—J. Stewart.

7. The Benefits of Christian Association—Turner Lowery.

W. E. Young, Ch'm. Com.

"The Door."

Brother Sample's kindly noticing the seeming defect in our article on "The Lord's Supper" caused no little trembling until it was clearly seen that the criticism was freighted with brotherly love. We were sampled once and, Oh, that we could have had a Sample to have sampled us!

"The brother seems to have lost sight of the elements necessary to constitute scriptural baptism." The quotation in Brother Sample's notice of the following: "Were baptism the door and only qualification for membership, then alien immersions could flood the church with infant sprinklers."

"A" presents himself to a regular Baptist church, and upon true and proper evidence of conversion is received as a candidate for baptism, and, after baptism, is received into the fellowship of the church—he becomes a member. "A" leaves the church and joins a Presbyterian congregation. After a while "A" returns to the church, and "were baptism the door and only qualification for membership, then alien immersions (in sentiment) could flood the church with infant sprinklers (those holding such views)." He would walk right in through the door of the elements necessary to constitute scriptural baptism."

Bro. Sample asks that we "disclose the sense in which the Lord's Supper is a communion." In the same and only one sense in which baptism is. Thank you, Bro. Sample.

JAKE R. HODGES.

P. S.—Brother, that little hint is so kind of you. We will look up that "communion."

Yours in Him,

J. R. H.

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Under the propositions of Brethren E. C. Eager and A. H. Whitfield.

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A. J. Aven	100 00	
P. H. Eager	100 00	
J. M. Sharp	100 00	
F. W. Pickel	100 00	
J. L. Logan	75 00	
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Senior class	not complete	
Junior class	22 50	
Sophomore class	65 50	
Freshman class	100 00	
Preparatory classes	50 00	

MARRIED.

At the residence of the bride's father, Mr. Geo. Johnston, Dr. R. W. Thompson, of Columbia,

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON.

By W. F. Yarborough.

MAY 9, 1897.

April.

SUBJECT: Paul Preaching to the Jews. Acts 13:26-30.

GOLDEN TEXT: Through this man is preached unto you the forgiveness of sins. Acts 13:32.

INTRODUCTION.

Paul and Barnabas (for thus we know them henceforth) setting forth from Perga, where we left them in last Sunday's lesson, soon reached Pisidian Antioch. There are various conjectures as to why they did not evangelize Perga but pressed on to the mountainous region of the interior. While the Spirit would have revealed the reason to us through the historian had it been necessary for us to know, yet there is nothing wrong in discussing probable reasons for the movements of these first foreign missionaries.

Prof. Ramsey thinks that Paul, at this time, had an attack of malaria, and setting forth some argument that Pisidian Antioch, with Iconium and Lystra, was in Galatia, asserts this as the foundation of Paul's statement, Gal. 4:18 R. V. "Because of an infirmity of the flesh I preached the gospel unto you the first time." Cowen and Hawson's theory, that it was placed beyond the region of doubt, even had some of the audience been inclined to cavil over it, for many of his witnesses, who had every means of knowing, were then living and had seen him. They came up with him from Galilee to Jerusalem, knew him well and had received many infallible proofs of his resurrection. So well assured is Paul of the glorious fact, that he finds in it a fulfillment of some of God's promises that had seemingly failed. He uses the same Psalm that Peter used at Pentecost, but seems to go further than Peter. Peter sees in Jesus David's risen and exalted son; Paul sees this and more. He sees in Jesus the son of God. He was known to the writer five years, and we have never known a more spiritual-minded Christian than he. It was always a benediction to be in his presence. Yet he was always as simple and modest as a child. He wrote several articles for the RECORD, which afterward proved to be their custom they went first to the Jewish synagogue and as was customary in the synagogue, when the courtesy of an invitation to see corruption. He takes the passage "Thou art my Son, this day have I begotten thee" and applies it to the resurrection and the thought is apparent, being brought out in the following quotation: "I will give unto thy son the sure mercies of David again, that thou shalt not suffer me to die."

Yours fraternally,
JOHN D. JORDAN,
Gen. Sec.

Birmingham, Ala. 31.

the Young People at Wilmington.

DEAR BRO. HACKETT:—Here

come to raise a racket, and say

I want your goodly State well presented at the Young Peo-

ples' meeting in Wilmington, C. on May 6, 1897, ten o'clock

sharp. We are expecting pleasant and profitable time.

sides other short speeches

on State managers and others,

of the following brethren

we agreed to give us a thirty

minute speech: William L. Clark, Chas. S. Gardner, R. Van Deventer, Wm. H. Smith, Carter Helm Jones, John O.

St., John T. Pullen and Frank-

H. Kerfoot. Subjects for

most of these have been agreed

on and will be fixed in a

days. Come on and bring

your friends.

Let the brethren who agreed

fearing the same God, he affirms

that to us is the Word of this salvation sent forth (R. V.) from God. Then he proceeds to show that

Jesus whom he preaches must be the Messiah of Jewish prophecy, notwithstanding he was not recognized as such by the Jews at Jerusalem. This must be true for they that dwell at Jerusalem and their rulers, unconsciously fulfilled the very scriptures which were read every Sabbath day in condemning him.

Though not here given he may have quoted some passages from Isa. 53, so accurately fulfilled in the case of Jesus, and which was such a stumbling block to the Jewish conception of King Messiah. While Paul apparently did not intend to be classified in this connection, he nevertheless did not fail to do so, and it is evident that he did not do so without reason.

He gave us a most ex-temperance sermon. The congregation was delighted. Bro. Long, one of our best preachers, and

will be glad to have him speak.

do what the law cannot do. Compare Rom. 3:24-26; 4:4, 5; Gal. 2:16; Phil. 3:4-9. The law, civil or divine, has nothing whatever to do with a man until he violates it. Then it condemns him. The law justifies us in nothing; Christ justifies in all things the believer. It is not claimed that the justified believer is actually just in moral character, but that he is treated as a just or innocent person since the law finds its satisfaction in Christ when the believer is found in him

April.

CHINA.—How shall they hear without a preacher? and how shall they preach except they be sent?" S. B. C. Mission opened, 1845; missionaries, 41; native assistants, 44; stations, 31; churches, 19; membership, 1,296; baptisms, 152; schools, 21; scholars, 575; Sunday School scholars, 689. Contributions, \$2,190.35.

STUDY TOPICS—Immense population of China. Present religious systems. How best can native fanaticism be overcome. The influence of a Christianized China on the world. Responsibility toward present workers.

THE WONDROUS HARP.

In some one of the chambers
Of the heart
Strung or unstrung as it may be,
Hangs a harp.
But more oft its strings are broken,
And the dust
From it has for many sad days
Never been brushed.
Should there be a lone heart near you
Where this harp,
Silent, unstrung, hangs neglected,
In the dark,
Set its chords and gently touch it,
And the strings,
Neath the hand of love, will pour forth
Divine strains.
ENRY OPHA GREGORY.
Okolona, Miss.

A Worthy Enterprise.

We would like to call attention to a new periodical, The Southern Home Journal, now being published at Jackson, Miss. A talented young newspaper woman, Miss Ida V. May, who has had wide journalistic experience in Texas, is the originator of this enterprise and she proposes to furnish the public with a journal of high literary merit. We bespeak for her the support of all lovers of a pure reading medium, and wish for her, great success in her laudable undertaking. The issue of May 1st will be a special one, in which Jackson will be extensively written up, both as to its past historical present attainments, and future prospects. We feel a special interest in the Capitol City, as it was once our dwelling place, and are assured that it will fare well in the hands of our esteemed contemporary, the Southern Home Journal.

Resolutions

By the Rodney Baptist church upon the death of Mrs. Sarah E. Bolls and Jas. Frank Bolls.

Whereas, It hath seemed good unto our Lord and Master to call up to Himself the redeemed spirits of our dear sister, Sarah E. Bolls, and of her son, Brother J. F. Bolls, upon the 1st and 11th days of January, 1897; therefore be it

Resolved, That while we grieve because they are not, and miss them at each step of the way, we must bow in humble submission to the will of the Almighty, who cannot err; fearing that the links are less that bind us to earth, and remembering the sweet counsel and lovely example of our beloved ones, we are trusting to meet them, when we, too, shall pass over the river.

Resolved, That as a church of which our deceased friends were honored members, we tender to the heart-stricken widow and the dear little children, to the surviving members of the family,

and all the relatives, our lasting sympathies, praying that the God of the widow, the Father of the fatherless, and that kind Elder Brother, the precious Savior, may draw very near unto them and send into their sad lives that comforting grace which alone sufficeth.

Resolved furthermore, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the immediate family of the deceased, also placed upon the records of the Rodney Baptist church, and that our State denominational papers be requested to publish the same.

Respectfully submitted,

N. O. THOMPSON,
For the Committee.
REV. H. W. LANTRIP, Mod.
H. L. WINTERS, Ch. Clk.
Rodney, March 28, 1897.

Report of Sunbeams for Quarter Ending April 1, 1897.

CENTRAL ASSOCIATION.

Jackson Sunbeams, h.m...\$1.00
CHICKASAHAY ASSOCIATION
Fifteenth Avenue Meridian Sunbeams, orphan, age.....\$5.00
Home missions.....2.50
State missions.....2.50
Total,\$10.00

CHICKASAW ASSOCIATION.

Cherry Creek Sunbeams orphanage.....\$5.50
Frontier missions.....66
Total,\$6.16

COLUMBUS ASSOCIATION.

Columbus Sunbeams, h.m...1.46
Shuqualak Sunbeams, s.m...10.00
Columbus I & C. Mission Society, h.m.....24.00
Total,\$35.46

COPIAH ASSOCIATION.

Hazlehurst Busy Bees h.m...\$9.30
PAIR RIVER ASSOCIATION
Brookhaven Sunbeams, h.m.....84.75
Foreign missions.....4.78
Home uses.....25
Total,\$90.70

GULF COAST ASSOCIATION.

Scranton Sunbeams, h.u...\$19.00
Ocean Springs Sunbeam h.m.....1.10
Total,\$20.10

KOSCIUSKO ASSOCIATION.

Kosciusko Sunbeams, f.m...\$2.50
Home uses (Library).....5.00
Total,\$7.50

OXFORD ASSOCIATION.

Oxford Sunbeams, f.m...5.00
TIPPAH ASSOCIATION
Blue Mountain Sunbeams, f.m board debt.....8.71
Flood sufferers.....1.05
Total,\$1.76

YAZOO ASSOCIATION.

Carrollton Sunbeams, orphanage.....\$3.35
Durant Sunbeams, f.m.....3.00
Duck Hill Sunbeams, f.m.....2.00
Lexington Sunbeams, f.m.....2.50
Home missions.....2.50
State missions.....1.00
Orphanage.....1.00
Home uses.....25
Total,\$16.60

Grand Total,\$125.87

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